

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 26, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 79

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

June 3, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 79, as amended, Hayashi. Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 580, between Strobbridge Avenue and East Castro Valley Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway. *The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.*

Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.

1 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai of Castro Valley was born April 6,
2 1973, and grew up in Big Bear in San Bernardino County, where
3 he developed a love for everything outdoors; and

4 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai moved to the San Francisco Bay Area
5 to attend the University of California at Berkeley, where he
6 received a degree in 1996 in forestry and natural resources and
7 also worked as a community service officer; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduating from the university, Daniel Sakai
9 spent a year in Japan teaching English; and

1 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai attended the Oakland Police
2 Department Academy, where he met his soulmate and future wife,
3 Jennifer; and

4 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai quickly rose to the rank of sergeant
5 of police and served the Oakland Police Department in various
6 roles, including as a patrol officer, canine handler, patrol rifle and
7 academy firearms instructor, and special weapons and tactics
8 (SWAT) team member; and

9 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was described as a “special young
10 man who was clearly a born leader. He was committed to public
11 service and making a difference in other people’s lives”; and

12 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was also described as a “person that
13 everyone looked up to and wanted to be. He had the highest ethics”;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The best day of Daniel Sakai’s life was on March
16 31, 2005, when his daughter JoJiye was born; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2009, Sergeant Daniel Sakai was
18 killed, along with another SWAT team member, Sergeant Ervin
19 Romans, when the SWAT team attempted to apprehend a suspect
20 that had earlier in the day shot and killed Sergeant Mark Dunakin
21 and mortally wounded Officer John Hege, both of the Oakland
22 Police Department, during a traffic stop; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
25 hereby recognizes the contributions made by Sergeant Daniel Sakai
26 of the Oakland Police Department to the people of the State of
27 California and hereby designates the portion of State Highway
28 Route 580, between Strobbridge Avenue and East Castro Valley
29 Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway; and
30 be it further

31 *RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is*
32 *requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent*
33 *with the signing requirements for the state highway system,*
34 *showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations*
35 *from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and*
36 *be it further*

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to *the Department of Transportation and to the*
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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